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## *A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SCHAVE*

May 28, 2020

I am pleased that the Governor's office granted Grays Harbor County Public Health's request to move to Phase 2 of Washington's Safe Start Plan.



By entering Phase 2, we saw increased opportunities in Recreation, Gatherings, and additional operations for our local businesses. For more information on the Safe Start Plan, please visit Washington State's website at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov>. The State's website provides more detailed information on what entering Phase 2 means for our community, businesses, and individuals.

Through the CARES ACT, the City of Aberdeen was awarded \$506,400 to be used in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The award comes through the state's Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF). The Coronavirus Relief Funds may only be used for costs incurred by local governments in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020. Funds are available on a reimbursement basis only.

The CARES ACT grant can be used for: ***Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as: Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. This is an opportunity for the City to assist our small businesses during these very difficult times.*** City staff are currently working on an application process that will be in compliance with the grant requirements. Using these funds to assist our local businesses is a priority. This is an opportunity for the City to help our community as we work towards "getting back to business".

All City departments are at full staff and available to assist the public. Most City offices are still closed to general public access. If you need to do "in person" business, you can call the department to set up an appointment. You can also do business online at [www.aberdeenwa.gov](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov) or email staff directly.

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Information on what's available at the City of Aberdeen can be found on the COVID-19 Alert page at [www.aberdeenwa.gov](http://www.aberdeenwa.gov). For information on the novel coronavirus COVID-19 please visit the Grays Harbor County Public Health page at <http://www.healthygh.org/covid19>. This page has good information that can answer most questions an individual may have.

I continue to work with staff and the City Council to help our community during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Schave*



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